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PATENT APPLICATION  
Atty Docket No. 15966-577A CIP3 (Cura-77A CIP3)



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

FIRST-NAMED INVENTOR: Shimkets, *et al.*

FOR: GROWTH FACTOR POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS  
ENCODING SAME

Box PATENT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

## REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUING UTILITY APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

1. This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b).  
This application is a:  
 Continuation-in-part of prior application U.S.S.N. 09/715,332, filed on 16 November 2000.
2. Priority to the above application(s) is claimed under:  
 35 U.S.C. §120

### APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

3.  Specification and Drawings (Total pages: 153 ) including:  
Specification( 147 pages); Claims( 5 pages); Abstract(1 page); and  
Drawings: 29 sheets; FIGS. 1-29.  
 Formal  
 Informal
4.  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission:
5.  Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
6.  Oath or Declaration (Total pages: 4):
  - (a)  Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney - unexecuted (original)
  - (b)  Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.63(d))
7.  Incorporation by Reference (*can use if Box 6(b) is checked*)  
The entire Disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 6(b), is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

### ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:

8.  English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
9.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) (5 pages)  
 Duplicate copies of Form PTO-1449 (4 pages x 2)  
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**Request for Continuing Nonprovisional Application (37 C.F.R. §1.53(b))**

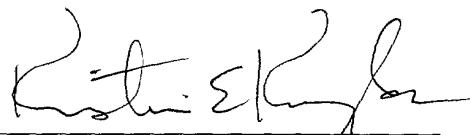
10.  Small Entity Status  
 Claiming Small Entity As Small Business Concern (37 C.F.R. §§1.9(f) & 1.27(c)).

11. Fee Calculation:

CLAIMS AS FILED					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a) \$710.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	47	- 20 =	27	\$ 18.00	\$ 486.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	12	- 3 =	9	\$80.00	\$ 720.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))				\$270.00	
				SUBTOTAL:	\$1916 .00
				Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity:	- \$958 .00
				<b>TOTAL FEE:</b>	<b>\$958 .00</b>

12.  A check in the amount of **\$958.00** is enclosed.  
13.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 15966-577A CIP3:  
 Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16;  
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 Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.18.  
15.  Return Receipt Postcard Enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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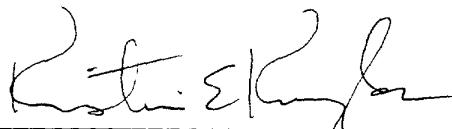
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